

EMSH Insider



It's **HIP** to be Square! Health Information Professionals Week



From March 17th -23rd, EMSH's Health Records Management Department is celebrating Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week. This year's theme is "accurate data, excellent care." HIP week serves as a time to showcase the contributions given to the healthcare industry by thousands of health information management professionals throughout the country. Pictured here are the ladies who so aptly perform ongoing operations that consist of creating records for all IRS admitted or readmitted to EMSH, census management, release of information, discharge processing, processing court notices, ICD 9 CM coding, and chart retrieval. If you ever journey down the hall of E Building's 1st Floor North, you just might find any of these ladies literally "buried in the records of EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL." They daily immerse themselves in a paper trail that grows to the point of having to be stored off grounds for archival purposes. Rita Brown, Department Director, is always amazed when a record that dates back to the early 1900s surfaces during some "seek and find" excursions that take place in this very busy department that is the face of 131 years of medical documentation.

Our Health Information Team includes three staff members who are credentialed in Health Information Management. —Rita Brown, RHIA; Debbie Daigrepoint, RHIT; and Anita Hartman, RHIT. Remaining Health Information professionals are: Ina Campbell, Jennifer Darden, Deborah Harrington, Terese Phillips, and Vickie Smith. Not pictured are Sharon Brogan and Barbara Cryer. Ina McNeal, who, after ten years of service to the Department, has transferred to Professional Development. She is pictured in the Group Photograph.



resilience WEAVING advocacy



March is National Social Work Month, sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and this year's theme, "Weaving Resilience & Advocacy," reminds us that social work is the profession of hope. Currently, East Mississippi State Hospital has seventeen Licensed Social Workers who are responsible for, but not limited to, conducting psychosocial assessments, participating in treatment planning, education and support services, group and individual counseling, and conducting family conferences. Referrals for medical consults, other out of hospital services, placement and discharge planning are also coordinated by EMSH Social Workers. In addition, on-call Social Work services are provided after hours, on weekends and during holidays. Curtis L. Jones, LCSW, LCMHT, Social Worker Executive, is responsible for supervising competency and writing policy. "It is our practice to provide, promote and advocate for quality care for each and every individual receiving services here at East Mississippi State Hospital. We are honored that NASW sponsors an entire month of the calendar year to apprise others of what we do each and every day," remarked Jones when asked about National Social Work Month.

BIRTHDAYS

16th ~ David Feldman
Volunteer Services
18th ~ Lisa Dearman
Transcription
18th ~ Johnny Burge
Campus Police
20th ~ Lena Patterson
Property
22nd ~ Erica Smith
3 North
22nd ~ Dr. Trammill
JTC
23rd ~ Margaret Johnson
JTC
24th ~ Ophelia Mayfield
Crest 1
24th ~ April McDowell
3 South
25th ~ Serrena Ivy
Lewis 4
26th ~ James Murphy
3 South
27th ~ Amanda Holyfield
Crest 1
29th ~ Brenda Phillips
RPW
31st ~ Missy Pierce
JTC/RPW



CALENDAR

MARCH 1st ~ 31st
National Social Workers
Month
17th ~ 23rd
National Medical Records
Week
18th
Blood Drive
Outside Rec. Bldg.
9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
JTCNF
2:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm
19th
Service & Retirement
Awards
20 yrs.~ up ~ 11:30 am
Northwood Country Club
5 ~ 15 yrs. ~ 2:00 pm
Recreation Building

On Friday, March 1st, Career Tech and HOSA students from the Choctaw Tribal School visited EMSH to learn about the scope of our mental health services. Oya Hampton, Income Services Director, met with the students to discuss how someone receives treatment here from admission to dismissal. She then fielded questions regarding possible mental health careers.

Following Oya's time with the group, Transportation's Tommie Brown, Public Information's Susie Broadhead, and Volunteer Services' JoAnn Knight conducted a tour of EMSH's grounds. A stopover to Laundry's new home was the highlight for all. Environmental Services Director Joe Moore invited everyone into the building to see demonstrations given by employees who were more than happy to share with all the amenities of their new workplace. Everyone was mesmerized by the folding machine and the "yellow brick road" that serves as a travel lane for laundry carts. The last stop on the tour was a poignant and silent walk through Cedar Haven Cemetery. It was here that these inquisitive minds witnessed the meaning of inclusiveness when it comes to caring for those who society sometimes turns away.

When the group returned to campus, they presented Volunteer Services several pieces of luggage to be used for "going home" whenever an IRS is dismissed and a \$200 check to be used for IRS needs. The money that was donated was raised in one day by the selling of \$1.00 passes for a "skip day" in wearing school uniforms.

